

STATE OF THE CITY BEDFORD, OHIO

SPONSORED BY THE BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



JANUARY 23,
2013

PRESENTED BY: MAYOR DAN POCEK &
CITY MANAGER HANK ANGELO

2012 YEAR END



- City concluded 2012 with a \$2.6 million general fund cash balance.
 - These funds were a result of city income tax collections and savings from unspent budgets from all departments.
 - We will be subject to substantial State revenue cuts and real estate tax collections in 2013 !
 - \$5.8 million reserve still intact
 - Legislation exists requiring a 15% reserve be maintained
- We are on schedule to operate at a balanced budget throughout 2013





World Changers is the nationally acclaimed volunteer organization that strives to help change the world for the better – one home at a time! In July 2012, approximately 240 student and adult volunteers came from 16 different states to complete construction and/or exterior maintenance repair projects for area residents in need. Twelve churches were involved providing daily lunches to the volunteers.



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, 22 such repair projects were completed in the communities of Bedford, Bedford Heights and Walton Hills. Volunteers replaced roofs and siding on houses, painted houses, replaced gutters, built handicap ramps, repaired and/or razed garages and cleaned yards. Cash or in-kind donations from private donors and businesses assisted in offsetting the costs of materials for the various projects.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief: Dave Nagy

Asst. Chief: Shawn Solar



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



Staffing

- 25 Line Firefighters (21 Paramedics)
 - ▣ Firefighters work 24 hour shifts
- 2 Chief Officers (2 Paramedics) 23 Paramedics Total
 - ▣ 85% of Department are Certified Paramedics
- 1 Civilian Administrative Assistant



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2012 Request for Service

- 2348 Total Requests for Service
 - ▣ 7% decrease from previous year
- 1849 Requests for Advanced Life Support Rescue Squad
 - ▣ Accounted for 79% of department's calls
- 419 Fire / Specialized Rescue Calls
 - ▣ Responded to 35 Structure Fires
 - ▣ Total fire dollar loss Increased by 19.5% from previous year



FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2012 in Review

- Received \$365,000 SAFER Grant from FEMA. Will enable department to increase staffing by 2 firefighters at zero cost to citizens. A direct result of this will be the ability to fully staff 2 Advanced Life Support Rescue Squads on all shifts.
- Received \$32,000 grant from Ohio Bureau of Worker's Comp. Funds were used to equip department's ambulances with power-load cot systems. These systems dramatically decrease the stress on firefighter's bodies and hopefully will decrease the number of firefighter injuries.
- Actively working with Bedford Heights and Maple Heights toward implementing the first combined Fire and Police 911 Center in Cuyahoga County.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2013 Goals

- ❑ Maintain Quality of Life for our Citizens.
- ❑ Continue to explore Regionalization and Resource Sharing Opportunities.
- ❑ Implementation of Regional Dispatch Center.
- ❑ Reduce fire loss.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief: Greg Duber

Deputy Chief: Kris Nietert



POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2012 Staffing

- ❑ 31 Officers
- ❑ 6 F/T – 7 P/T Dispatchers
- ❑ 4 P/T Correction Officers
 - ❑ 1 F/T (2012)
- ❑ 4 F/T – 3 P/T Support Staff
- ❑ 23 Auxiliaries
- ❑ 3 P/T Animal Control
- ❑ 5 P/T School Crossing Guards



POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2012 in Review

- ❑ Department had one lieutenant retire
- ❑ One officer took a 3 year leave of absence for Military
- ❑ Two new officers hired & trained
- ❑ Made one sergeant promotion
- ❑ One supervisor attended the Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP) through the Ohio Chiefs of Police Association
- ❑ Upgrade to our RMS / CAD



POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.

<u>Part I Offenses</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Murder	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Rape	1	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Robbery	4	16
<input type="checkbox"/> Assault	76	64
<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary	54	38
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoplifting	301	259
<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Theft	50	35
<input type="checkbox"/> Arson	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> MV Accidents	310	261

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.



2013 Goals

- ❑ Focus on Community Policing: Maintain quality of life
- ❑ Reduce Part I offenses: Focusing on hotspots and problem areas
- ❑ Reduce shoplifting and criminal activity: Rockside and the Northfield area
- ❑ After 32 of service, Chief Duber will retire; leaving way for the hiring of his replacement and making one promotion to sergeant
- ❑ Prepare for transition to Regional Dispatch Center



SERVICE DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC WORKS



Director: Clint Bellar

Superintendent of Public Works: Shawn Francis

SERVICE DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

- 40 employees in the service, water, waste water and cemetery
- Consistently provide multiple services such as:
 - Operation and maintenance of Bedford Water Dept., Waste Water Treatment Plant & Bedford Cemetery
 - Leaf pick-up, chipper service, snow plowing
 - Maintenance of all vehicles, paint striping and sign repairs
 - Water, sewer (1 400 calls), sanitary and storm needs
 - Currently maintain 50 miles of roads within the City
 - Extensive in-house street / curb repair
 - Landscape/maintain Public Square, Veteran's Park and downtown area
 - Christmas lighting display

SERVICE DEPARTMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

- ❑ Completion of water line replacement project for Grand Blvd., Franklin and Magnolia (Issue 2 grant....\$240,000 grant, \$454,000 loan)
 - ❑ City matched \$300,000 by issuing bonds
- ❑ Waste Water Treatment Plant – UV disinfection improvement - \$560,657 (waste water fund)
- ❑ Commercial Water Meter replacement program
 - ❑ \$223,128(water fund, completed 2012)
- ❑ Waste Water Treatment Plant – Equalization basin cleaned and pumps replaced. Total costs = \$499,935.00

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Director: Randy Lewis





RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

Special Events



- ❑ Easter Egg Hunt
- ❑ Memorial Day coordination
- ❑ Fourth of July participation
- ❑ Baseball Days
- ❑ Progressive Field
- ❑ Halloween Party
- ❑ Christmas Party





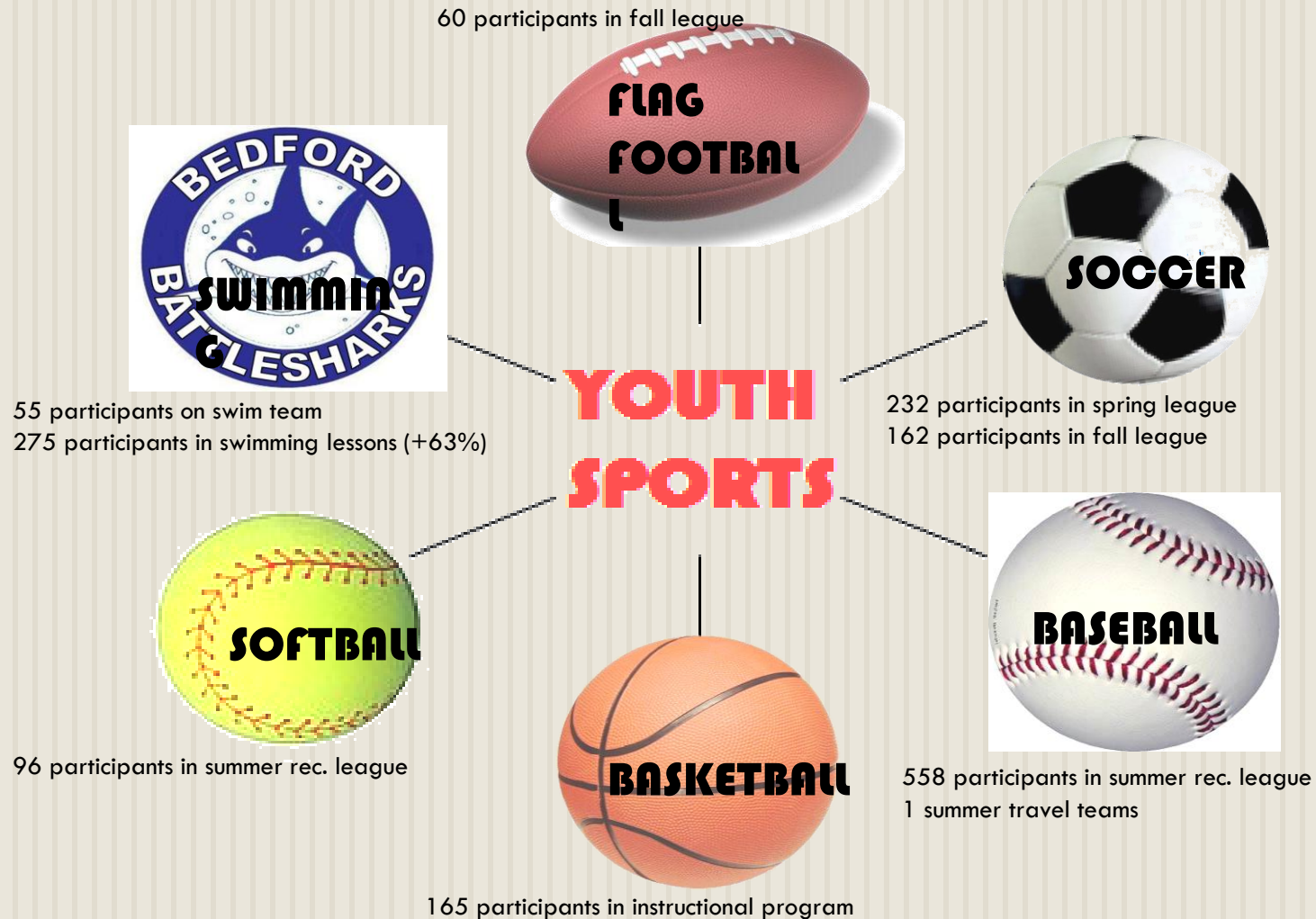
RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

- In 2012 the City completed the construction / renovation of the Palmetto Tot Lot. These improvements were possible through a \$35,000 grant from the Cuyahoga County Office of Development.
- The City recently received a \$4,000 grant from the Cleveland Indians Charities for bleachers and fencings at our ballparks.





RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.





RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

Fast Facts & Activities

- ❑ The Recreation Department maintains over 27 acres of property along with the baseball fields at various locations.
- ❑ In 2012, over 67,000 people utilized Ellenwood Center with permitted functions; this does not include open gym, or special events/activities.
- ❑ More than 30,000 individuals utilized the pavilion with permitted functions (does not include the open to the public uses).
- ❑ The Senior Citizen Van provided trips for over 2,700 residents, averaging almost 18 trips a day, and logging over 15,800 miles in 2012.
- ❑ The Ellenwood Center was open for activities on 322 of 365 days in 2012, almost 90% of the year.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.



Senior Programming

Senior Van Service - Our Senior van travels over a thousand miles a month to serve nearly 300 seniors. The van transports to doctors' visits, shopping trips, personal and business appointments and hospital visits.

Senior Line Dancing - nearly 30 seniors gather each Monday morning to enjoy some exercise and to socialize. This year the group expanded to Thursday evenings to serve seniors who are still working.

Senior Chair Aerobics – nearly 60 seniors have fun shaping up with this low impact exercise class.

Senior Movie Wednesdays – 20 seniors gather bi-monthly to enjoy some popcorn and movies from present and past.

Medicare/Health Insurance Counseling - through the Ellenwood Center nearly 75 seniors received helpful advise and assistance in choosing medical and health care plans through Medicare and the private sector.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT CONT.

Senior Programming Cont.

Craft Class – Once a month about 20 seniors get together to create a craft of the month.

Wii Bowling – Several dozen senior residents have enjoyed participating in our newly-organized Wii bowling league this past year at Ellenwood. One senior is currently holding a 241 pin average! Plans are underway to begin play with Wii Golf or Wii Baseball in the coming year.

Tax Preparation – We scheduled over 100 appointments for free AARP tax preparation services offered at Ellenwood. In 2012 Ellenwood also became an e-filing site.

Senior Bus Trips – The Seniors group goes on 6 to 8 trips a year with a portion of the trip being subsidized by the City. Some of the trips include the Indians game, plays and historical sites.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT



Beautiful Bedford, Ohio
Less than 5 ½ square miles



BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



- 5 full time employees
- 475 Contractors registered for the City; \$26,850.00
- 227 point of sale inspections; \$11,900.00
- 1737 apartment units & 685 rental dwellings
 - ▣ Over 900 property inspections performed
 - 350 more than 2011
- Internet Sweepstake Cafes; 320 Broadway, 277 Northfield
 - ▣ \$5,000 yearly application fee (\$10,000.)
 - ▣ \$26,10.00 device fee for all locations in 2012

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



Projects of Scale

- ❑ Ben Venue Remediation Ctr. Renovation - \$475,000.00
- ❑ Ganley Jeep / Dodge Project - \$1,200,000.00
- ❑ Bedford Audi - \$1,500,000.00
- ❑ Ganley Subaru - \$950,000.00
- ❑ Rockside Road ER - \$300,000.00

Estimated value of all construction.....\$4,962,029.00
(\$2,079,160.00 in 2011)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



Vacant Residential Property Program

- ❑ The range of construction work for these homes included: new windows and doors; new roofs; remodeled kitchens and bathrooms; new carpeting and/or floorings; fresh paint; upgraded electrical work; upgraded plumbing; new garage doors and roofs; driveway, sidewalk and access walk repairs; tree trimming and removal; landscaping
- ❑ The City currently owns 8 homes associated with this program.
- ❑ In the winter of 2011, the City was awarded a \$150,000 grant from Cuyahoga County to build an energy efficient home.
 - ❑ The City will be working with Doty and Miller Architects to coordinate the construction which will commence this summer

BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



Doty & Miller Architects

600 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, Ohio 44146
tel: 440-399-4100
fax: 440-399-4111
www.dotyandmiller.com



preliminary front elevation

scale: not to scale

Energy Efficient Infill House



BUILDING DEPARTMENT CONT.



- Further, the Building Department is actively tracking the numbers and properties in foreclosure or being held as bank-owned properties (REO). These lists are updated weekly and sent to the Police Department for properties to be checked and/or secured if necessary. In addition, the Building Department is maintaining a list of contact names and addresses associated with these properties. At regular intervals these lists are also given to City Council members so each is apprised of the foreclosures and bank-owned properties within their particular wards.
- Partnership with the Cleveland Restoration Society
- There are roughly 123 vacant homes to date, which includes bank owned, government owned and estate owned
 - ▣ This is in comparison to 130 from January 2012

FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Finance Director:

Frank Gambosi

- Frank was reappointed for another 3 year term (2012-2014), and he just completed his appointment as chairman (2009-2011) which he served as one of twelve members of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Special Review Executive Committee (SREC). Responsible for overseeing the operations of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program, as well as establishing program policy, subject to review by the GFOA Executive Board.
- Frank was also appointed as 3 year term trustee in 2012, of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ohio representing Municipal Finance Directors of District 8 (Cuyahoga County).



FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONT.



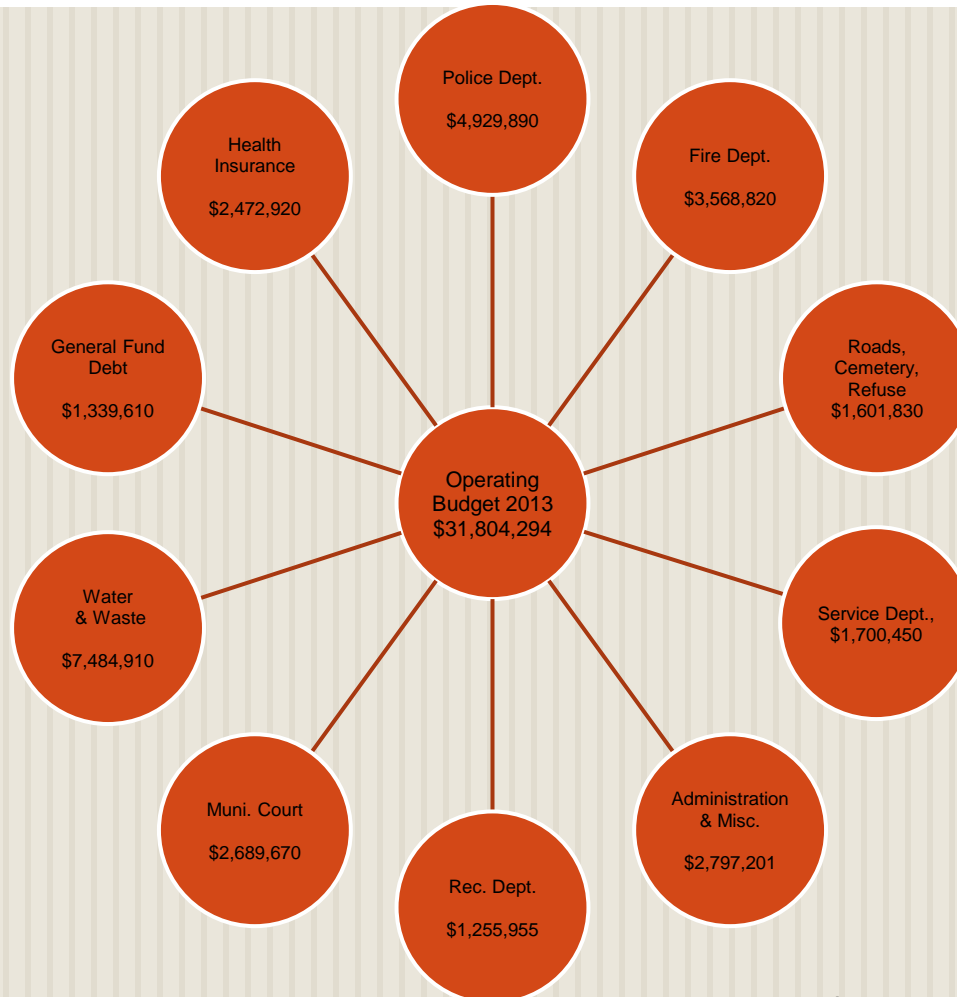
- ❑ 7 full time 1 part time employees in tax and finance departments
- ❑ In 2012 department received its 22nd consecutive International Award from the Government Finance Officers Association
- ❑ The City maintains an investment board consisting of the City Manager, Law Director and Director of Finance.
- ❑ The City has been self-insured regarding Health Insurance costs for our employees for the past 22 years.
 - ❑ Unfortunately, in 2012 the City had \$700,000 more in claims than 2011; however, over the other years the net savings from this type of program was \$200,000 per year vs. a premium plan program (estimated savings to date over \$1.9 million)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONT.



- ❑ Monitor throughout the year fund balances, construction projects and grants and report upon them to Council, the State of Ohio and Federal Government Agencies.
- ❑ The City has been working with a private collections company in an effort to collect back taxes. The result of this was a record amount of collections of over \$472,000 in 2011 and 357,000 in 2012.
- ❑ The Tax department has saved \$28,000 from 2009 – 2012 by not issuing tax forms to residents & businesses.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONT.



- The Safety Forces Levy generates roughly \$2.3 million.
- The Fire Medic levy generates roughly \$727,385

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



□ Director: Michael Mallis

Mission: The City of Bedford is committed to retaining and attracting businesses to our community. The City works in partnership with public and private organizations to enhance local capacity and provides resources that support economic development activities.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



Marketing Efforts

- Our goal has been to inform our residents and businesses of as much information as possible
 - ▣ Monthly utility bill inserts, Facebook, Twitter and quarterly redesigned newsletters to help inform the public.
 - ▣ All city employees completed customer service training

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Bedford, OH 44146
440.232.1000

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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION
ATTENTION -
The National Weather Service has issued a TORNADO WARNING for Cuyahoga County in Ohio. Please seek shelter immediately.

EVENT CALENDAR
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CITY DIRECTORY

Bedford City Hall (440) 232-1000	Business Department (440) 735-6553	Water Department (440) 735-6525
Recruitment Department (440) 735-6573	Seismic Program (440) 735-6570	Tax Department (440) 735-6505
Building Department (440) 735-6530	City Manager (440) 232-1000	Economic Development (440) 232-1000
Police Department (440) 232-7600	Fire Department (440) 232-1214	Finance Department (440) 735-6500
Municipal Court (440) 232-3430	City Council Clerk (440) 735-6510	Anonymous CrimeTips (216) 252-7463

All City of Bedford's news, information, questions, comments, and forms can be obtained by visiting our website at www.bedfordoh.gov

PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

Bedford University Hospital (440) 735-5000	Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) (800) 282-0880
Board of Education (440) 438-1500	Hummingbird Company (800) 688-3101
Chamber of Commerce (440) 232-0115	Library (440) 438-6557
Cuyahoga County Family Services (216) 518-4802	Post Office (440) 735-6712
Cuyahoga County Welfare Services (216) 488-2000	Salisbury Army (716) 881-4100
Dominion East Ohio (800) 362-7557	Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) (800) 362-2764

CHECK FOR LEAKS
Check all toilets and faucets. Leaky toilets and faucets are the biggest cause of wasted water resulting in large bills. The most common source of leaks is the toilet. Check toilets for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If after 15 minutes the dye shows up in the bowl, the toilet has a leak. Leaky toilets can usually be repaired inexpensively. Toilets can account for almost 30% of all indoor water use, more than any other fixture or appliance.

Failure to receive bill does not relieve customer of payment due.

REFUSE COLLECTION HOLIDAYS
When the following holidays fall on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, trash and recyclables will be picked up one day late.
New Year's Day Memorial Day Fourth of July Labor Day Thanksgiving Christmas
Refuse shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm the evening before and containers shall be removed from curb within 12 hours after pickup per City Ordinance 915.07.

If you sold or plan to sell your property, please call before you move to schedule a final meter reading and to schedule a Point of Sale Inspection as required by City Ordinance.

PAYMENT METHODS

MAIL, CHECKS AND PAYMENT COUPON to: CITY OF BEDFORD 165 CENTER ROAD BEDFORD, OH 44146	IN PERSON DRIVE THRU DROP OFF BOX For your convenience located in the City Hall parking lot	DIRECT WITHDRAWAL From your checking or savings account.
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BEDFORD WATER DEPARTMENT (440) 735-6525
OFFICE HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS PAST DUE (DELINQUENT)
Unpaid Water/Sewer Bills are subject to shut off or placement of a lien on your real estate taxes. Disconnected service will be charged an additional \$100.00 fee for reconnection.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



Grants & Projects

- Administered the Storefront Renovation Program
 - ▣ Saved local businesses over \$35,000.00
- Issue 2 grant to replace water lines at Grand Blvd., Magnolia & Franklin Street – awarded over \$694,000 grant / loan
- Neighborhood Stabilization Grant to Construct an Energy Efficient home – awarded \$150,000 (project will be completed in 2012)
- Collaborated with all departments on the County Energy Program for various energy improvements
 - ▣ City reduced its energy costs by \$70,000.00 2011 to 2012
 - ▣ Still have roughly \$75,000.00 in grant money for additional improvements
- Also successful in grants through the Solid Waste District, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture & other organizations

Over the last 10 years, the City has been successful in obtaining over \$25 million in grant dollars

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



Bedford Auto Mile Improvements

- Over the course of the next 18 months, the Bedford Auto Mile will be investing roughly \$20 million into the City with various dealer renovations and improvements.
 - Include Bedford Audi, Subaru, Kia, Mercedes, Toyota and others.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.

- Job creation tax credit
- Community Reinvestment Areas; administered jointly by Economic Development and Finance Departments
- Moderator Arts and Cultural Board
- Elected President of the First Suburbs Development Council

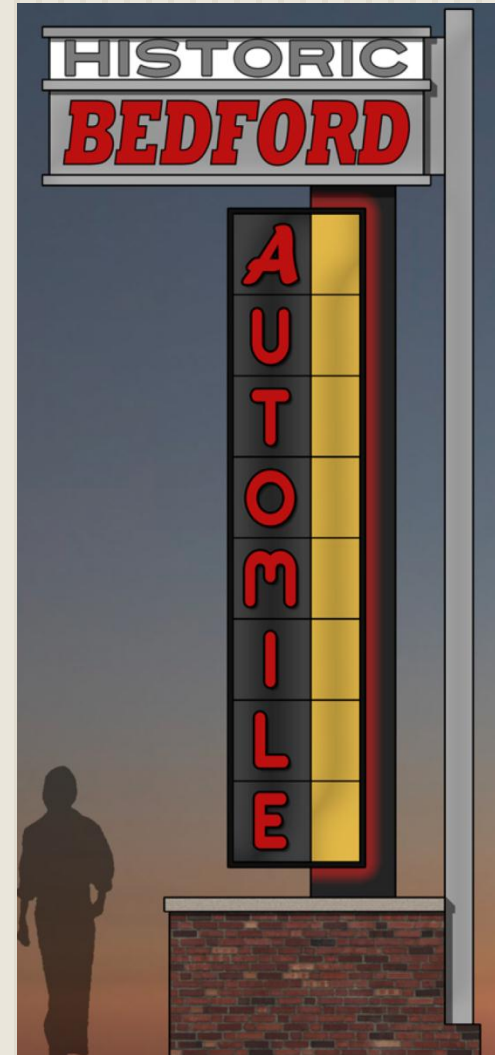


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONT.



2013 & Beyond

- ❑ Replacement of Broadway water line – Issue 2
- ❑ CDBG – Road Resurfacing & Streetscape project
- ❑ Continue to market the City of Bedford as a whole....housing, businesses, service and overall quality of life
- ❑ Pursue the Development / remediation of the old Taylor Chair Property
- ❑ Collaborate with the developers of Meadowbrook Market Square to enhance retail in complex
- ❑ Collaborate with Hemisphere to market Tinkers Creek Commerce Park



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

